
**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Repent and believe the Good News.

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5. 10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20



THIRD SUNDAY: A note of urgency runs through our readings today. Jonah delivers an ultimatum to the people of Nineveh – just forty days to repent and amend their way of life. St Paul warns the people of Corinth not to be too comfortable in their existing state of life “because the world as we know it is passing away”. In St Mark’s Gospel it is the recognition of the urgency of the Lord’s invitation that leads Simon and Andrew, James and John to abandon their employment as fishermen, their homes and families, to join Jesus in his mission. Two thousand years later the world has not yet passed away and we can feel that there is no urgency about the call of Christ but we know our human lifespan is limited, even if we do not like to think about it very much. A few days ago I had a phone call from a former parishioner who keeps in touch from time to time – just a few days younger than myself. She wanted to tell me she had just paid off her funeral plan so as to spare her son the worry! Are we as prepared? More importantly, are we ready to meet God face to face or are there things in our lives we would want to change first? Perhaps we should take a little more urgently Our Lord’s words, “The kingdom of God is close at hand”. It is Good News but also a challenge to be ready. God may have given us many more than forty days’ notice, but can we presume on this?

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Charles Stanley, Kay Brown, Phyllis Chine, Edward Piekieron, Winifred Winfield* and *Thomas Martin* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: In Tiptree this year the emphasis will be on a ‘prayer event’ at the beginning of February - 4.00 p.m. at the United Reformed Church on Sunday next, 1st February. The focus will be on prayer for three joint initiatives - TYPO (the youth work project), The Oasis Christian book Shop and the schedule of prayer visiting street by street, which will resume in Spring. If anyone is planning to take part, please let me know as we are invited to find one or two people to offer a prayer of intercession. There will be some displays on the activities mentioned and refreshments, leading after a few minutes into prayer and praise.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: This Saturday 31st January 8.00 - 9.00 a.m. at Christchurch. Please sign list as usual for catering purposes.

FUNERAL: We regret to announce the death of **Mr Paul Anthony Reilly**, brother of John Reilly, formerly of Kelvedon. His body will be brought into Church at Kelvedon immediately before the Funeral Service this Friday at 1.45 p.m. followed by burial in Kelvedon Cemetery. RIP.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 18th January - £540.16.**

MASS VARIATION: I have to attend a priest's funeral in Leeds on Monday so there will be no Mass this Monday morning.

CHRISTIAN AID COGGESHALL: Maureen Bennett of St Peter's who has co-ordinated Christian Aid for Coggeshall for a number of years is unable to continue in this role. Is there anyone at St Bernard's who might consider undertaking this task? I think the key will be an ability to delegate so that no one person has too much to do. The principle activity is organising the annual Christian Aid collection during May.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY & PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS: Now in its 12th year, this scheme will provide eight recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the Secretariat, two in public policy with CAFOD and CSAN, one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. In addition to educational work experience, all internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year, studying Christian ethics and Catholic social teaching at Heythrop College as well as exploring the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events. To apply for the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internship scheme you will need to have completed the Application form and provide two referees, one of whom should be your Parish Priest or University Chaplain and the other your most recent employer (paid/voluntary) or course tutor. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your referees send your references directly to us before Wednesday 4th March, otherwise your application cannot be considered for short listing. For more information visit cbcew.org.uk/interns

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE HOLY LAND: The next Ecumenical Study Day organised by the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will be entitled 'Jerusalem: the Spiritual Heart of the World: Recognition and Responsibility for the Holy Land'. It will be given by Della Shenton, who has led bespoke, reflective pilgrimages to Israel, Palestine and Jordan over the last nine years. Della will explore the place of Jerusalem in Jewish thought and in our Christian faith, and consider how we can move from faiths in conflict to lasting peace. The Study Day will take place on Saturday 7th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289. There is no charge and a light buffet lunch is provided.

FACEBOOK: The Parish is now on Facebook! www.facebook.com/kelvedoncatholic
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WAR DIARY 1914-1918

Killed in action: Private John Finn.

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 25th January <i>Third Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners John & Ellen Quigley RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 26th January <i>Sts Timothy & Titus</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
TUESDAY 27th January <i>St Angela Merici</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Mgr Peter McGuire RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 28th January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
THURSDAY 29th January	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Intention June Kirby Private Intention
FRIDAY 30th January	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 1.45 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Funeral Service: Paul Anthony Reilly RIP</i>
SATURDAY 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Clark Family)
SUNDAY 1st February <i>Fourth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention J.J. Mullen & Family Deceased All Parishioners

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 1st February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Sean O'Leary	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Pat Richardson	Jadwiga Smith	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Celia Butt